

## **AUSA's Sixth Annual Tree Planting Ceremony**

**Whereas,** In 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and

**Whereas,** this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and

**Whereas,** Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and

**Whereas,** trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife, and

**Whereas,** trees on the campus of Aurora University are aesthetically pleasing to our landscape and beautify our campus, and

**Whereas,** trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

**Now, Therefore,** I, Dr. Lora de Lacey, Vice President of Student Life at Aurora University, do hereby proclaim Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015 as Arbor Day on the campus of Aurora University. And I urge all students, faculty and staff to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our campus tree canopy, and

**Further,** I urge with support of Aurora University Students' Association the planting of this red maple to promote the well being of this and future generations

**Dated this** 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, in the year 2015.